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## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **COUNTY STREAMLINES SEWER BILLING**

*City residents save time, money with new procedure*

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that starting in 2002, city property owners in the Monroe County Rochester Pure Waters District (RPWD) will pay for Water Pollution Control (sewer) charges annually as part of their county property tax bill. This replaces the existing quarterly billing process.

"It is more convenient for RPWD customers to pay a single yearly bill, ending the need to track multiple billing due dates, write checks or money orders and buy stamps," said Doyle. "Changing the Water Pollution Control billing method will also save the county \$270,000 a year by eliminating the cost to mail 244,000 RPWD sewer bills."

Monroe County Pure Waters charges are based on the amount of water used at a property and cover both the cost of sewer system upkeep and cleaning wastewater (from showers, toilets, etc.) before it is released to the environment. These Operation and Maintenance charges (O&M) equate to less than \$100 per year for an average family of four in a RPWD home.

Of the four county Pure Waters Sewer Districts, only Rochester property owners pay sewer O&M charges by mail instead of with the tax bill. All Pure Waters District property owners (including RPWD, since 1985) already pay a Pure Waters capital charge for major sewer projects within their county tax bills.

In late June, RPWD began mailing notification letters to city property owners offering tips on how to prepare for this change. In September, the county will send out another mailing that will give property owners an idea of the total Pure Waters O&M charge that will appear on their 2002 county tax bill.

RPWD property owners with questions about this billing change can call 760-7650 for more information.

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